

HARD BATTLE IN PROGRESS DESPITE RAIN IN FLANDERS

Allies and Germans Are At Grips
All Along Line Between Nieuport and Ostend, Where
All Trenches Are Flooded

TEUTON BATTERY NEAR ST. MARD IS SILENCED

French Lose Positions At Apremont But Everywhere Else
Troops of Kaiser Are Reported Losing In Terrific Battle

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, January 23.—Simultaneously with the battle in Alsace, heavy fighting was reported at two other sections of the line, in the despatches received yesterday and last night. Paris reports the Germans very active south of Ypres. In connection with this an Amsterdam despatch yesterday reported that a hard battle had been in progress for the past three days between Nieuport and Ostend, despite the rainy weather and the floods, which have filled the trenches with water, and made the roads almost impassable. The Amsterdam correspondent said numerous German wounded were returning to Shuis.

FRENCH HOLD POSITIONS

Last night's communique from Paris says that a German battery near the wood St. Mard was silenced yesterday, and that in the Argonne district two attacks were repulsed. The official announcement concludes:

"At nightfall we held all positions despite vigorous attacks."

The earlier official bulletin admitted the loss of the positions in the forest of Apremont, owing to the German bombardment. The report said the French artillery predominated between Ypres and the Oise River and near Berry-au-Bac. The situation in Soissons was described as unchanged. Berlin reports the loss of a trench at Berry-au-Bac.

BIG BATTLE DEVELOPING

Regarding the fighting at Pont-au-Mousson and in Alsace, the French and German announcements practically agree. Paris says both sides are rushing fresh reserves to the front in these two battles.

The fighting at Pont-au-Mousson is assuming the proportions of the recent battle at Soissons. Berlin says the French attack has been repulsed with great loss. Paris says all ground is being held. This engagement evidently is undecided.

TREMENDOUS CONFLICT

A tremendous battle is developing in Alsace where the French pressure has compelled the Germans to rush reinforcements, and is preventing them sending all their reserves to Pont-au-Mousson or Flanders. Paris reports that ferocious hand-to-hand fighting is taking place near Sennheim and Thann, and along the Lorraine frontiers.

Berlin announces that near Sennheim the French were driven from the heights.

A despatch from Geneva yesterday reported that floods in southern Alsace had completely halted the operations of the opposing armies around Altkirch.

SITUATION IN EAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, January 23.—Despatches received last night from Bucharest, Roumania, by the Daily Mail, report that the Russian invaders in the Austrian province of Bukovina are now confronted by the Austrian troops despatched to defend the Hungarian border. The opposing forces were only six miles apart last

Army Bill Is Passed By House

Measure Carrying Total Appropriation of \$100,000,000
Goes Through

Twenty-five Aeroplanes, Armored Motor Cars and Field Artillery Material Are Provided

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, January 23.—The Army Appropriation Bill, carrying a total appropriation of one hundred million dollars, was passed in the house last night without a roll call.

An amendment to the bill offered by Representative Gardner, which would appropriate a million dollars for the purchase of aeroplanes for the army, was voted down, but an amendment to the amendment appropriated \$300,000, to provide twenty-five military machines.

Besides this item, \$50,000 was appropriated to provide armored motor cars. The largest single increase was in the appropriation for the purchase of field artillery material. This item was increased from \$25,000 to \$170,000.

CRUISERS ARE ORDERED TO CARIBBEAN STATION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, January 23.—The cruiser Nashville and the cruiser Des Moines have received orders to sail from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for the Caribbean station. The Nashville is to relieve the Canine, now at Santo Domingo, while the Des Moines will take the place of the Tacoma, now stationed at Cristobal, Canal Zone.

WOMEN LEGISLATORS GIRDING UP IN OREGON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SALEM, Oregon, January 23.—Senator-elect Katherine Clark, the first woman to be elected to the upper house of the legislature, called yesterday at the Capitol. She visited the senate, talked with a prominent senator upon "shop topics," stating that she wanted "pointers," and visited Miss Marion Towns, the first and only woman representative in the Oregon legislature.

IMMIGRATION LITERACY TEST HEARING BEGINS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, January 23.—Five hundred men and women, including many noted social workers, labor leaders and publicists, crowded the east room of the White House this afternoon at the public hearing on the Immigration Bill. The President, flanked by military aides in full uniform, listened to arguments pro and con on the literacy test.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PHOENIX, Arizona, January 23.—Charges of incompetency have been preferred against W. A. Farish, the local city manager, the first official to hold the position under the terms of the commission government charter enacted in 1914. A special session of the commission is hearing the charges, which are to the effect that the government of the city under Manager Farish is proving to be more expensive than is necessary.

night, and are probably now engaged in battle.

The official Vienna announcement received yesterday by way of Amsterdam says that the Austrians are interfering with the movement of Russian troops north of the Vistula by bombarding the railway. This bombardment has continued since Thursday.

South of the Vistula, the report says, the Austrian troops are successfully engaging the Russians. Berlin reported no change in the eastern situation yesterday.

EXPLOSION OF BOILER ABOARD CRUISER SAN DIEGO KILLS FIVE OF CREW: EIGHT OTHERS ARE INJURED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LAPAZ, Mexico, January 23.—Five men were killed and eight seriously injured by a boiler explosion aboard the United States cruiser San Diego on Thursday. The warship had been out four hours on a trial trip when the explosion occurred. Four out of sixteen boilers are out of commission. A naval board of inquiry is investigating. The San Diego is the flagship of Rear-Admiral Thomas B. Howard, commander of the Pacific fleet. The cruiser is under the command of Capt. Ashley H. Robertson, and has been stationed at San Diego, California.

ALABAMA RECLAIMED BY PROHIBITION:

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

MONTGOMERY, January 23.—Alabama again will become a prohibition State on July 1, after a fight which has been waged for the past two years. The voters have reenacted the measures which were repealed in 1911, over the governor's vetoes, after having previously been in force two years.

D'ESMOND FACING DYNAMITE MAIMS WHITE SLAVERY TWO DRUNKEN MEN LARGE INCREASE OF 1915 ESTIMATE

Alleged Honolulu Bigamist In Serious Difficulties Now Out On \$10,000 Bail
They Wind Up Carousal With Terrible Accident In Upper Manoa Valley
Willett & Gray Revise Their Figures As To Shortage of Production

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, January 23.—William D'Esmond, civil engineer and superintendent of construction of the United States army quartermaster's department at Honolulu, who was arrested in Oakland upon a charge of bigamy, has been turned over to the federal authorities. He has been confined in Oakland for six days.

United States Commissioner Krull has placed charges of white slavery against him, and he has been released upon \$10,000 bail. He is accompanied by his second wife.

The charges of bigamy were preferred by a first wife, whom he had been supporting in the East.

Report That Dirigibles Had Been Sighted At English Coast Town Unfounded

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, January 23.—Conceivable excitement was caused late yesterday evening by reports from the sea coast town of Cromer, stating that a fleet of Zeppelins had been observed flying from the sea in a southwesterly direction overland.

This report was generally credited in Cromer, and all the lights in the town were extinguished.

Every effort was made by the government to ascertain the truth of the reports in order to prepare to meet the aerial attack.

No official announcement was made last night, but the correspondent at Cromer of the London Daily Chronicle advised later that the report of the Zeppelins' presence could not be substantiated and should be denied.

There were no reports received from any other point and the Cromer story is believed unfounded.

ZEPPELINS MADE RAID

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

COPENHAGEN, January 22.—Dispatches from Berlin declare that the air fleet which raided England several nights ago was composed of Zeppelins of the latest type, powerful and steady craft especially adapted to long flights for military purposes.

Thirty-two Guards At Chemical Works Arrested For Killing Two Strikers

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

ROOSEVELT, Arizona, January 23.—As a result of the rioting last Tuesday at the chemical plant here, in which nineteen strikers were shot, two being killed, thirty-two deputies employed as guards around the chemical works were arrested yesterday, charged with murder. An effort upon the part of the committee on industrial relations to make a first-hand investigation of the riot and subsequent shooting was repulsed by armed guards. The arrests followed.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

AMSTERDAM, January 23.—A German submarine stopped the British merchantman Durward, bound for Holland, forced the crew to abandon the ship, then fired three torpedoes, sinking the vessel. The submarine towed the crew in small boats to within reach of the Dutch coast.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SANTIAGO, Chile, January 23.—The government announced yesterday that the Chilean cruiser Esmeralda will be sent to participate in the international naval parade at the formal opening of the Panama Canal.

VESSEL CARRYING FOOD TO YANKEES IN GERMANY SAILS

Included In Cargo Are Products For Consumption of Teuton Civilians and Washington Officially Expects Britain To Seize Steamer and Confiscate Its Relief Burden

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, January 23.—Running all the risks of capture by the British and French blockading squadrons, the American steamer Wilhelmina, ordinarily engaged in the Caribbean trade, sailed from this port for Europe yesterday, carrying a cargo of foodstuffs, valued at \$200,000, billed to various American citizens now resident in Germany.

Reports from Fire Island said that the Wilhelmina slipped out to sea under the nose of a British cruiser, and laid a course for Hamburg, unspoken and unmolested by the warship.

This is the first cargo of foodstuffs billed direct to German purchasers to leave the United States since the first declaration of war.

CHARTERS READY TO PROTEST SEIZURE

If the cargo be detained or seized, the charterers, who are St. Louis men, will file a protest with the state department on the grounds that the cargo is only conditional contraband. The charterers will deny the right of belligerents to seize such shipments or to confiscate them, and will ask that the state department send a demand for the immediate release of the ship and cargo.

Included in the cargo are grain, meats, dried fruits and other foodstuffs, intended, according to the shippers, for consumption by German civilians. The shippers declare that the food will not be sold to the government nor given out for consumption to any of the armed forces. The shippers have guaranteed the customs charges.

HAVE RIGHT TO MAKE SHIPMENT

The state department has advised the charterers of the vessel that they have a right, recognized in international law, to make this shipment of supplies, provided the cargo is not intended for the German government or the German army. This is taken to mean that the shipment is not subject to seizure by the British navy.

It is understood in Washington, according to advices received last night, that England had not been consulted in regard to the status of this vessel and cargo. It is, however, the official opinion in Washington, that England will not hesitate to make the seizure if such action should be decided upon.

Dacia Clears For Rotterdam

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

GALVESTON, Texas, January 23.—Despite the open announcement from the British foreign secretary that the steamer Dacia will be held subject to seizure as a prize by the British navy, should she attempt to carry out her purpose of sailing for Rotterdam with a cargo of cotton billed to Bremen purchasers, the charterers of the steamer applied for and obtained clearance papers last night, and the ship will sail for the Dutch port this morning. She will go via Norfolk. Her original plan was to clear direct for Bremen.

DACIA HAS AMERICAN REGISTRY

The port collector sealed the hatches of the steamer last night, to prevent the possible introduction of contraband, the government having insured the cargo against all war risks.

The Dacia has American registry, but a registry secured since the outbreak of the war, under an agreement with the British government to waive the right to question the transfer under the terms of the London Convention so long as the German ships so re-registered did not engage in German commerce. The irregularity of the present voyage of the Dacia is recognized in the refusal of the American government insurance bureau to underwrite the ship herself.

REGARDED AS GERMAN VESSEL

The British foreign office has formally notified the American department of state that the Dacia will be regarded as a German ship if she attempts the voyage and will be seized and held as a prize of war. The cotton cargo, being non-contraband and in the trade of which direct with Germany the British have agreed to place no restrictions, will, in the event of the capture of the Dacia, be transferred to another ship and forwarded to its destination.

Republicans Block Ship Subsidy

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, January 23.—Democratic leaders in the senate decided last night to hold an all-day caucus today on the ship subsidy bill.

All yesterday the Republican filibuster in the senate against the passage of this ship purchase bill was waged with determination. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts held the floor during a long and graphic speech of protest against the bill.

He declared that the passage of the bill will "bring us within measurable distance of the war of England, France, Russia and Japan." He quoted from the report of house committee hearings to show that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo admitted that the purpose of the bill is to buy German ships idle in Boston and New York harbors.

ATLANTIC FLEET SAILS FOR TARGET PRACTISE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, January 23.—The Atlantic fleet yesterday sailed for Guantanamo for target practise.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the past forty years and has gained in popularity every year. What better recommendation is required? For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

ALLIES MAY RAISE BIG LOAN JOINTLY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, January 23.—A conference is being held here between the British chancellor of the exchequer, Lloyd George, Alexander Ribot, P. Pain and French and Russian ministers of finance to consider the raising of a joint loan of fifteen billion francs at three and one-half per cent interest.

When Her Back Aches

A Woman Finds All Her Energy and
Ambition Slipping Away

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Honolulu women know how the aches and pains that often come when the kidneys fail make life a burden. Backache, hip pains, headaches, dizzy spells, distressing urinary troubles, are frequent indications of weak kidneys and should be checked in time. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only. They attack kidney diseases by striking at the cause.

Can Honolulu sufferers desire stronger proof than this woman's word?

Mrs. R. E. Scott, 302 Main street, S. Baker, Oregon, says: "For twelve or fifteen years I was a constant sufferer from kidney complaint. My back ached terribly and my right side ached. I kept getting worse all the time and finally I was sick all day. I had to be lifted in and out of bed. The secretions from my kidneys were in terrible shape. The doctors didn't seem to understand my case, and at last I tried Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. They soon helped me, and two boxes completely cured me. The backache left, I gained in weight and my kidneys were normal. I give Doan's Backache Kidney Pills the credit for saving my life. The cure has been permanent. There is nothing I can add to the endorsement I gave several years ago."

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50), or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Holister Drug Co., Honolulu, wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands. Remember, the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.